

ATTACHMENT C
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An artificial nipple having a nipple body including a root portion, a teat portion with a feeding hole, and a narrow neck portion for making a connection between the root portion and the teat portion, comprising:

fiber nets-(20) in the form of bands which are embedded within the thickness of the nipple body-(40) such that they extend in a lengthwise direction-(L) of the nipple body and are spaced apart from one another at a predetermined interval in a circumferential direction-(A) of the nipple body, body; and

an air inflow groove-(15) formed in a portion of a surface of the nipple body-(40) which does not overlap with the fiber nets such that the air flow groove is connected to the feeding hole-(12),

wherein an apex or summit of a valley of the air inflow groove is offset toward one side from the centerline of the nipple body.

2. (Currently Amended) The nipple as claimed in claim 1, wherein further comprising a reinforcement thickening-(17) is formed around the feeding hole-(12) in an inner surface of the nipple body-(40).

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The nipple as claimed in claim 1, wherein further comprising a reinforcement thickening (16) is formed at a portion of an inner surface of the nipple body (10) that is at the back of the air inflow groove (15).